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C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 1845

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, DM

SUBJ: REACTION OF OAU STATES TO ETHIOPIAN EXECUTIONS

REF STATE 261727

1. UNABLE ASCERTAIN DAHOMEAN GOVT VIEWS RE ABOVE SUBJECT  
BECAUSE ENTIRE CABINET OUT OF TOWN (ABOMEY) UNTIL MONDAY FOR  
NATIONAL REVOLUTION HOLIDAY.

2. OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT GOVT LEADERSHIP IS SO COMPLETELY  
PREOCCUPIED WITH INTERNAL INSTITUTIONAL AND IDEOLOGICAL RE-  
VAMPING NOW UNDERWAY THAT THEY HAVE ALMOST NO INTEREST IN  
EVENTS ANYWHERE ELSE. DAHOMY GOVT'S USUAL ACTION IN ALL-AFRICAN  
MATTERS IS TO FOLLOW THE CROWD, NO MATTER WHICH DIRECTION IT  
TAKES.

3. WILL REPORT FURTHER IF OUR INQUIRIES ELICIT ANY USEFUL IN-  
SIGHTS INTO DAHOMEY GOVT'S ATTITUDE.  
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